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Dear Josh:

Your letter about Dr. Morse had the desirable effect of forcing me to reconsider my future general program, in terms of staff. The picture is this: I have funds to keep a post-doctoral person in the group for work within the general area of "gene-enzyme relationships", as related to either radiation-induced mutations (my A.E.C. project) or to genetic adaptations (my N.S.F. project).

My plan is to hire Jack Myers for this position, after he has spent a post-doctoral year with Dave Bonner. That leaves me with funds to employ someone for the interim year. However, your letter has made me realize that a one-year appointment to work on a prescribed program would be most unfair, since whoever took the job would just be getting well into a problem when Myers would be returning to replace him. So I am forced to the conclusion that I should leave the position vacant for a year, and perhaps use the funds for technicians or equipment.

Dr. Morse will obviously deserve a permanent post, and since I can't offer that I will regretfully pass up the opportunity to entice him here.

With best regards to you and Esther,

Sincerely yours,



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